

DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

May 10, 2013

NCC-DDS Training Site- Fox Run, Bear

Members in Attendance: Dan Rich, April Hill Addison, Heidi Beck, Cheryl Clendaniel, Debbie Gottschalk, Leslie Newman, Melia Anderson, Paula Holloway, Jim Lesko, Michelle Taylor, Karen DeRasmo, Terri Murphy, Harriet Dichter

Others in Attendance: Janet Cornwell, Anna Maloney, Carol Ann Schumann, Kelly Sherretz, Monica Burnett, Evelyn Keating, Janet Carter, May Moor, Gwendolyn Sanders, Barbara McCaffery, Penny Deiner, Verna Thompson, Linda Zakowsky, Vicky Kelly, Carmen Gallagher, Gail Truxon, Cora Fuzy

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from March 8, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. June's Meeting is canceled
4. Janice Barlow sends regrets of not being able to attend, but invited everyone to the release of Kids Count Fact Book on May 20th 8:30am Chase Center@ Riverfront.
5. Dan introduced the New Letterhead on note pads and sticky pads for everyone.
6. Carmen Gallagher spoke about the Task Force recommendations and committees. Jocelyn Stewart was the chair of this committee and worked with John Fisher-Klein, Cheryl Clendaniel, Michele Taylor, and Mary Kate Mouser. It was noted that many committees are supporting the council and these committees are overlapping. The Task Force recognized the need to streamline all these committees and to ensure good representation. The Task Force decided to realign all the committees and use the 4 strategic committees to use as the framework (A Healthy Start, High-Quality Early Childhood, An Aligned and Effective Early Learning System). The Task Force will meet one more time to finish the discussion around the committees.
7. Harriet Dichter presented an Overview of the Federal Early Learning Proposal. This proposal is for \$750 million for states that do not have a state-funded program. For states that are ready, \$1.3 billion in mandatory funding is needed. Delaware Early Head Start programs are a positive role model for other states. Some points to clarify the preschool proposal include:
 - State flexibility for serving more 4 year olds
 - Specific link to QRIS
 - Better clarity about direct access by child care programs
 - Permitting phase-in for quality standards

8. April Hill Addison gave us an overview of the Early Childhood State Advisory Council state report. The State Advisory Council (SAC) Grand mandates seven required activities which include, conducting periodic assessments, identifying opportunities for early childhood programs, increasing participation in these programs, developing a unified data collections system, creating a statewide professional development system and career ladder, assessing the capacity of 2-4 year institutions of higher education to support development, and make recommendations in state early learning standards.
9. April Hill-Addison and Debbie Taylor spoke to us about the Military Child care initiative – drill weekend. It was noticed that there was not adequate child care for our military who participate in weekend drills. They have contracted with Tender Loving Kare to be open during drill weekends to provide care for military families. Their staff as well as other licensed staff will provide weekend care for a \$10 registration fee each weekend. The open house was held on May 13th. They are looking for funding to help additional needs for other weekends.
10. Dan Rich appointed Debbie Taylor as the Military Child Care Liaison and everyone accepted.
11. Dan Rich also appointed Frederika Jenner as the President of the Delaware State Education Association, everyone accepted.
12. Next Meeting
July 12, Kent-Farmington/Felton Room @DelDOT – 800 Bay Road, Dover